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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-14, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

Proteins in complex mixtures are generally detected by some type of fractionation or immunological assay technique. The advantages of immunological assay methods are their sensitivity, specificity for certain structural features of antigens, low cost, and simplicity of execution. Immunological assays are generally restricted to the determination of single protein analytes. This means it is necessary to conduct multiple assays when it is necessary to determine small numbers of proteins in a sample. Hormone-receptor association, enzyme-inhibitor binding, DNA-protein binding and lectin-glycoprotein association are other types of bioaffinity that have been